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SUBJECT: FLIGHT TRAINING FOR CROWN PRINCE

REF: TEHRAN 4937

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAUNDERS CALLED IN IRANIAN AMBAS-
SADOR ZAHEDI JUNE 7 FOR DOD AND SY BRIEFING ON CROWN
PRINCE'S STAY IN U.S. DOD OFFICERS EXPLAINED ARRANGEMENTS
AT AIR FORCE ACADEMY AND REESE AFB AND LISTED MILITARY
AND TOURISTIC SITES AROUND COUNTRY, SOME OF WHICH PRINCE
MIGHT LIKE TO VISIT DURING HIS BREAKS FROM TRAINING. SY
OFFICER SUMMARIZED DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY
AND PREPARATIONS BEING MADE FOR ENTIRE VISIT. ALSO INTRO-
DUCED THE SY OFFICER WHO WILL BE ASSIGNED FULL TIME TO
LUBBOCK DURING PRINCE'S TRAINING COURSE.

2. ZAHEDI SEEMED MOST APPRECIATIVE OF BRIEFING AND
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PROMISED TO REPORT INFORMATION TO SHAH. HE WILL GET BACK
TO DEPARTMENT WITH ANY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

3. ON POSSIBLE PRESS RELEASE (REFTEL), THOSE AT MEETING
CONCLUDED THAT, IF THERE HAD BEEN NO LEAK IN THE MEANTIME,
ROUTINE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM AIR FORCE ACADEMY SHORTLY AFTER
COURT ANNOUNCEMENT ON PRINCE'S TEHRAN DEPARTURE WOULD BE

BEST WAY TO INFORM PRESS. ZAHEDI PROMISED TO TELL US OF COURT PRESS PLANS REGARDING PRINCE'S DEPARTURE. WE WILL THEN AGREE ON BRIEF, ROUTINE PRESS RELEASE BY ACADEMY.

4. AS SUGGESTED REFTTEL, REQUESTS FOR INTERVIEWS AND PHOTOGRAPHY WILL BE CLEARED IN WASHINGTON. ZAHEDI WILL DESIGNATE SOMEONE IN HIS EMBASSY TO BE STATE'S CONTACT ON PRINCE'S VISIT THROUGHOUT LATTER'S TIME HERE.

5. ZAHEDI THEN TURNED TO HIS OWN NEWS ABOUT ROYAL FAMILY. SHAH'S THREE YOUNGEST CHILDREN, EMPRESS' MOTHER AND SEVERAL FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN (FOR A TOTAL OF ABOUT 22) WILL ARRIVE IN U.S. FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS OF SIGHTSEEING BEGINNING JUNE 29. ZAHEDI IS CONSIDERING A NUMBER OF PLACES, FROM DISNEYWORLD TO HONOLULU, FOR POSSIBLE VISITS. HE SAID GROUP WILL COME TO WASHINGTON SINCE PRESIDENT MIGHT GREET SHAH'S CHILDREN. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AGREED TO CONSIDER SECURITY ASPECTS OF VISIT AND SY'S INVOLVEMENT AND THEN HOLD FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH IRANIAN EMBASSY. VANCE

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